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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

US District Court
Western District of NC

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN LOCATION DATA
CONCERNING:

CELLULAR TELEPHONE: (828) 578-8361

No. 3:17-mj-275

SEALED WARRANT

Application having been made by the United States for a Warrant pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 directing **Verizon Wireless** to assist agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration by providing all information, facilities and technical assistance needed to ascertain the physical location of the cellular telephone number **(828) 578-8361 (Target Cell Phone)** with service provided by **Verizon Wireless**, including but not limited to data indicating the specific latitude and longitude of (or other precise location information concerning) the Target Cell Phone (the "Requested Information"), for a period of thirty (30) days.

The Court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the Requested Information will lead to evidence of violations 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846 (distribution of narcotics and conspiracy to distribute narcotics) (SUBJECT OFFENSES), among other offenses, as well as to the identification of individuals who are engaged in the commission of these offenses.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 that **Verizon Wireless**, beginning at any time within ten (10) days of the date of this Order and for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date the service is established, provide to agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration the Requested Information concerning the Target Cell Phone, with said authority to extend to any time of the day or night as required, including when

the Target Cell Phone leaves the Western District of North Carolina; all of said authority being expressly limited to ascertaining the physical location of the Target Cell Phone and expressly excluding the contents of any communications conducted by the user(s) of the Target Cell Phone.

It is further ORDERED that the Drug Enforcement Administration compensate **Verizon Wireless** for reasonable expenses incurred in complying with any such request.

It is further ORDERED that agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement officers and persons authorized to provide them with necessary and technical assistance are authorized to acquire the Requested Information concerning the location of the Target Cell Phone for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the service is established or until the goals of the investigation have been achieved.


It is further ORDERED that the Court's Order and the accompanying Affidavit submitted in support thereof, as they reveal an ongoing investigation, be sealed until further Order of the Court in order to avoid premature disclosure of the investigation, guard against fugitives, and better ensure the safety of agents and others, except that copies of the Court's Order in full or redacted form may be maintained by the United States Attorney's Office, and may be served on Special Agents and other investigative and law enforcement officers of the Drug Enforcement Administration, federally deputized state and local law enforcement officers, and other government and contract personnel acting under the supervision of such investigative or law enforcement officers, and **Verizon Wireless** as necessary to effectuate the Court's Order.

It is further ORDERED that this Warrant be returned to the issuing judicial officer within ten (10) days after the termination of the execution of the Warrant.

It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a (b) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(f)(3), service of notice may be delayed for a period of thirty (30) days after the termination of the execution of the Warrant.

It is further ORDERED that **Verizon Wireless**, its affiliates, officers, employees, and agents not disclose the Court's Order or the underlying investigation, until notice is given as provided above.

SO ORDERED THIS 31st day of July, 2017 at 3:50 am/pm.



THE HONORABLE FRANK D. WHITNEY
UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA